# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:144
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FAKE POSTAL STAMPS
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether fake postal stamps are being used in the country;

(b) if so, the action taken against the accused in this regard and the losses suffered so far;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any inquiry in this regard so far; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED)

(a) No, Sir. However, a few cases of circulation of fake postal stamps in various parts of the country since 1999 have come to the notice of the Department.

(b) & (c): Till date fake stamps valued at approximately Rs. 6,00,00,000/- ( Rs. Six crores only) have been detected. When specific cases come to notice, suitable departmental action is taken. Such cases are also reported to police for investigation.

(d) Details are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

REPORTED CASES OF DETECTION OF SUSPECTED FAKE POSTAL STAMPS BY CIRCLES.

| Sl. No. | Name of Circle | Place detection | Date of detected/seized | Details of fake stamps Denomination (in Rs.) | Number Rs. | Value (in Rs.) | Total value |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Assam | Nahar-bari HO | April 1999 | 5<br>1 | 13<br>8 | 65<br>8 | 73<br>- |
| 2 | Delhi | NDRS TMO Janakpuri & DES Col. PO | Feb.`99 Jan. 2000 | 10<br>10 | 3<br>15 | 30<br>150 | 180 |
| 3 | West Bengal | Kolkata GPO | Dec. 1999 | 50 | 15 | 750 | 750 |
| 4 | Rajas-than | Jaipur | Jan. 1999 | 2<br>1 | 894<br>3811 | 1788<br>3811 | 5599<br>- |
| 5 | Bihar | Ashok Nagar (Ranchi)<br>Barh (Nalanda) | Mar. 1999<br>Sept. 1999 | 5<br>10<br>2 | 7<br>2<br>41 | 35<br>20<br>82 | 1215<br>-<br>- |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jamalpur | Oct.`99 | 2 | | 12 | 24 | - | |
| | Patna | Mar.`99 | 5 | | 198 | 990 | - | |
| | 5 | | 12 | 60 | - | | | |
| | Bankipore HO | Mar.`99 | 2 | | 2 | 4 | - | |
| 6 | Mahar- ashtra | Aurangabad | June 1999 | 20 | | 2 | 40 | 33109800 |
| | Thane (Mumbai) & 1 Rev. | Nov. 1999 | 1,2,3,5, 10,20,50 | - | 33048530 | | - | |
| | Shivaji Nagar HO, Pune City HO | Jan. 2003 | 10 | | 6123 | 61230 | - | |
| 7 | U.P. Noida & Meerut | May 2000 | 1,2,3,5, 10 | - | 32100 | 13648869 | | |
| | Tetri Bazar Basti | July 2000 | 5 | | 86 | 430 | - | |
| | Meerut | May `03 | 10 | | 50 | 500 | - | |
| | Ghaziabad | July`04 | 1,2,3,4, 5,10,15, 20, 50, .05 to .75 | - | 5154839 | | - | |
| | Allahabad | July 2004 | 1,2,3,4, 5,10,15, 20, 50, .05 to .75 | - | 8461000 | | - | |
| 8 | North East | Dimapur | Sept. 1999 | 5 | | 72 | 360 | 360 |
| 9 | Karn- ataka | Kallambella SO | Mar. 2003 | 20 | | 133 | 2660 | 2660 |
| 10 | Gujarat | Ahmedabad | May`03 | | - | 2300000 | | 2300000 |
| 11 | Chhat- tisgarh | Raipur HO | June 2003 | 2 | | 200 | 400 | 400 |
| 12 | STAMPIT Karna- taka | KNK/Delhi & Mumbai | 1999 | 25P.,1, 2,3,4,5, 10,20,50 | - | 12730910 | | 14327330 |
| | Madivala | | 2002 | 1,2,3,5, 10 & 20 | - | 1596420 | - | |
| 13 | Punjab | Chandigarh | July 2002 | 1,2,3,5, 10,20,50, Rev 1. | | 50584 | 117564 | 161084 |
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| Total | 63558320 |